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TAGS: SENV, CA

SUBJECT: WEST COAST POLLUTION

1. GOVERNMENT TABLED IN PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 5 CANADIAN NOTE  
RE WEST COAST POLLUTION.

2. ON APRIL 8, OTTAWA CITIZEN PRINTED FOLLOWING EDITORIAL  
ENTITLED "KEEP IT CLEAN":

"A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS MADE BY OTTAWA IN ITS  
LASTEST NOTE TO WASHINGTON ON OIL TRAFFIC TO CHERRY  
POINT, WASHINGTON, HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE.  
BUT THE CENTRAL PROPOSAL -- THAT ALASKA OIL SHOULDN'T  
GO THROUGH JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT AT ALL -- REMAINS IN  
DOUBT.

"JOINT ACTION TO CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS AND TO  
COMEUPNATE SHORE INTERESTS FOR OIL SPILL DAMAGE  
CAME CLOSER LAST YEAR WHEN THE US CONGRESS  
ORDERED SHIPPING COMPANIES TO SET UP A  
\$100 MILLION INSURANCE FUND. WHETHER OR NOT  
ALASKA OIL IS MOVED THROUGH THE STRAIT, THIS  
PLUS OTHER ACTION, SUCH AS SPECIAL NAVIGATION  
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AIDS, WILL BE NEEDED, FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF

OFFSHORE OIL ARE ALREADY BROUGHT TO CHERRY POINT.

"UNFORTUNATELY, CHERRY POINT IS ONE OF THE FEW  
DEEPWATER PORTS ON THE US PACIFIC COAST. CANADA  
PROPOSES THAT OFFSHORE TERMINALS FARTHER DOWN THE  
COAST BE USED TO UNLOAD ALASKA OIL. THAT WOULD  
REMOVE ENTIRELY THE RISK TO CANADIAN SHORES POSED  
BY THE LARGE MOVEMENT OF ALASKA OIL THROUGH NARROW  
JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT.

"PRESIDENT NIXON HIMSELF HAS PROPOSED SUCH A  
SOLUTION TO OVERCOME LACK OF DEEPWATER PORTS.  
HE HAS SUGGESTED TERMINALS ABOUT SEVEN MILES OFFSHORE.  
ALTHOUGH HE HAS CONFINED HIS PROPOSALS TO THE ATLANTIC  
COAST, THEY ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO THE PACIFIC."  
JOHNSON

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